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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

SAFEWAY SCANDAL

Teamster officials, including that famous ex-intellectual, Harold Gibbons, Hoffa's favorite braintrust, have been getting some bad publicity about the alleged buying and selling of union jobs and union locals.

We'll leave that little problem to Jimmy and Harold, but it seems as though a little more publicity ought to be given to charges, brought in the S. F. Federal District Court about the alleged buying and selling of high executive jobs in Safeway Stores.

Mrs. Jeanne Koster of New York, owner of 200 shares of Safeway stock, claims that Lingan A. Warren, former president of the big outfit, and three other former high officers are getting big fees as "consultants" of the company, that they don't really "consult" and actually get the big fees, amounting to over \$2,000,000, for "in effect selling their offices" and letting others take their places in 1955 as Safeway officials.

FEW AT MEETINGS

The lady says the paying of those millions to those four non-consulting consultants constitutes "waste of assets" of the corporation, and she wants the money paid back into the corporation's treasury pronto.

Drummond Wilde, general counsel and secretary of Safeway, says in hasty rebuttal that Safeway stockholders "approved overwhelmingly" of the "employment contracts" to which the lady refers.

That's a laugh! Talk about the fewness of union members at a union meeting — stockholders' meetings have still fewer. So long as the money is coming out in the dividend checks, the stockholders stay away from meetings in far bigger droves than do union members from union meetings, and merely send in proxies to the corporation officials or don't even bother to send 'em in.

GOOD OLD LINGAN!

Lingan Warren was president of Safeway, if you don't happen to remember, when that corporation with the aid of Dave Beck tried to break up Food Clerks 870 here.

Wouldn't it be a shame if good old Lingan's crowd lost out to the indignant lady!!

Volunteers at Hayward headquarters are needed

Hayward headquarters in the fight against Proposition 18 have been opened at 873 A Street, open 8:45 to 5 and 6 to 10, and open on Saturdays and Sundays also. Volunteers are urgently needed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

A 'Tenner for Cohelan' drive starts in BTC

"I'm a Tenner for Cohelan" is what the big badge says.

You pin it on your coat lapel and it shows that you've pungled up ten bucks to help elect Jeffrey Cohelan, labor-endorsed Democrat, to the House of Representatives from the 7th Congressional District.

And in your wallet you have a more formal receipt for your ten bucks.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, and a vice president of the State Federation of Labor, announced at the Building Trades Council meeting this week that he had accepted the chairmanship of the "Tenner for Cohelan" drive among building tradesmen.

Jones made it pretty clear that he was going to do a lot of calling on old friends and new acquaintances among the building tradesmen, and he assumed they'd have that ten bucks in the refrigerator, ready to take out and fry in the Cohelan campaign skillet.

Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers 302, is a City Councilman of Berkeley.

With the recently announced registration figures showing that in Alameda County the Democrats have 270,743 and the Republicans 169,456 the Republican incumbent, highly unpopular with labor for many years, was known to be making the fight of his life for political survival.

The incumbent has long been considered by labor people to be simply a cog in the Knowland machine.

Jones was appointed chairman of the building trades drive for "A Tenner for Cohelan" by Al Brown, president of the Central Labor Council. Brown is Cohelan's campaign manager among labor people.

Jones pointed out that the rise in registration of Democrats as compared with Republicans has not only shown up in Alameda County as a whole, but also in Piedmont and Berkeley, which are in the 7th Congressional District and have in the past been strongholds of the incumbent.

KNOWLAND'S TRIBUNE

Jones while discussing the Cohelan campaign paid his respects to the Knowland Tribune, reminding the delegates that some time ago he had suggested

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Jewel-Waldie cocktail party Friday, October 10

The Labor Committee for Jewel and Waldie, candidates respectively for Congress and the Assembly in Contra Costa County, is giving a no host cocktail party, admission free, at Sportsmen's Clubhouse, 495 Sunset Avenue, Concord, at 8 p.m. Friday, October 10.

JIM MARTIN urges all members of Steamfitters 342 to take note that "registrations for all holdover officers will be open at the October 16 meeting."



TURN TO PAGE 8 and read what one of the leading newspapers of the country thinks about the Knowland-Kamp Kombine which is the theme of the above cartoon and of the article below.

Kamp kicks in with kudos for Knowland kampaign: Haggerty

New charges linking Senator William Knowland to what Attorney General Edmund G. Brown has labeled "anti-semitic, fascistic forces" were made by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty's charges related to the activities of Joseph Kamp, ultra right-wing pamphleteer who has been collecting funds for the Knowland campaign for governor.

The state AFL head said that California newspaper accounts of the Kamp-Knowland axis, as first revealed by the New York Times had failed to report that

1) Kamp friends had sent Mrs. William Knowland \$9,000 as of August 22, 1958, and that Kamp was then seeking more money from "influential people".

2) Kamp, in a letter written August 22 to one Robert Donner of Colorado Springs, Colorado, discussed Senator Knowland's knowledge of his wife's activities; Kamp told Donner that

"Mrs. Knowland surely isn't doing all this without his approval".

3) Kamp told Donner the "anti-semitic smear just isn't working anymore," and that "the trouble is now that Knowland is converted" he will no longer be in Washington "where he could do our cause some good".

The Kamp-Knowland uproar developed when the New York Times published a story charging that Mrs. Knowland and Kamp are arranging for distribution in California of a Kamp-authored pamphlet violently attacking Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers and vice president of the AFL-CIO.

Kamp once served a jail term for refusing to reveal to Congressional investigators lists of contributors to his extreme right-wing Constitutional Educational League.—State Federation Newsletter.

S. F. & San Leandro Boards oppose 18 but in Oakland anti-labor performs

The San Leandro City Council voted 4 to 3 Monday to recommend a NO vote on the so-called "right to work" Proposition 18 on the November 4 ballot. The majority: Maltester, Taylor, Gill, and Swift. The minority: Cheatham, Frazier, Kent.

At almost the same time the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted 8 to 0 to recommend a NO vote on No. 18.

When the matter came before the Oakland City Council recently, after much maneuvering and weaseling by some Councilmen and an effort to table the motion, a vote squarely on the issue was finally taken, and re-

sulted in a 3 to 2 vote opposed to taking the stand on Proposition 18.

City Councilman Holmdahl, who had made the motion to recommend opposition to No. 18, was joined by Osborne in the vote to take that stand. Mayor Rishell and Councilmen Maggiora and Tripp were the three who voted against taking a stand against "right to work." Rilea and Marovich passed.

Holmdahl in introducing the motion to oppose No. 18 pointed out that free collective bargaining is well established and has benefited the community. As for

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Church people carry banners against No. 18

An increasing number of church people are bannerizing their automobiles with bumper strips carrying the message "VOTE NO ON 18 AND 16," it was brought out at the Central Labor Council meeting this week.

Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, who has been taking supplies of the bumper strips to Catholic churches on Sundays, said that very few persons approached as they came out of church turned down the bumper strips and that most of them promptly placed them on their automobiles.

Ceremello said that Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290, who has been taking the strips to the churches, had been having the same experience.

John Schiavenna, Machinists 1566, said that at one parochial school a project had been made of having the children construct similar strips to get training in the craftsmanship involved. These strips are not being used on automobiles however.

The testimony from various delegates as to the success of the cooperation with the churches came up after Al Silva, Automobile Salesmen 1095, said that he hoped "we aren't just talking to ourselves" on the effectiveness of the campaign against No. 18.

Silva cited the confidence felt in the cooperation with the churches, and said that though he himself is a Catholic and did not mean to criticize his own church, the fact remained that some Catholics are in favor of Proposition 18, the "right to work" measure on the November ballot.

In one of the parochial schools, said Silva, he understood that some of the teachers had suggested to the children that they ask their parents to vote for No. 18.

Elizabeth Mackin, Office Employees 29, said that this was true but that the matter had been straightened out and that now the teachers mentioned were maintaining a neutral attitude.

CLC President Al Brown said that he believed the majority of all the religious groups, whether, Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish, were opposed to No. 18, but that inevitably in such large organizations there would be some who were in favor of it.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said that no complacency was

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ABSENTEE BALLOT FORM IS PRINTED ON PAGE 3

Attention of registered voters is called to page 3, where there is a form which can be filled out and sent for absentee ballots. Anyone who is going to be absent from his or her regular polling place can clip this form, fill it out, and send it to the office of the County Clerk. Don't throw away your vote! You're entitled to it!

HOW TO BUY

Home renovation products

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

A number of materials and building components recently have been developed which make home renovation and expansion easier and less costly for both home owners and contractors.

For one thing, it's getting simpler to renovate old walls and ceilings, or put up new ones, as in basements and unfinished attics. There are now several types of pre-finished wall planks which can be pasted on to old walls with special adhesive, or nailed on to studs or furring strips to make new walls. One advantage of these easy-to-handle narrow planks is that they fit together with tongue-and-groove joints and thus save taping and plastering joints between panels.

Such panels can be cut and fit with ordinary carpenter tools. Least-costly interlocking wall panels are pre-decorated gypsum. These are available in plain colors, simulated knotty-pine or striated finish. The pre-finished plain colors usually cost 8 cents a square foot; simulated knotty-pine, 14 cents; striated, 20 cents. The total cost for a 10 x 12-foot room thus is \$28, \$49, and \$70 respectively.

In comparison, ordinary wall board, at 5½ cents a square foot for the 3/8-inch thickness, or 7 for the 1/2-inch, costs \$19 to \$25 for a 10 x 12 room. But ordinary gypsum board must be nailed up, the joints must be taped and plastered and the surface painted or papered.

One of the best types of pre-finished wall planks and ceiling blocks is plastic-surfaced. This saves painting or wallpapering the walls, not only initially but for years to come, and also saves housework, since the plastic finish resists soiling and needs merely to be wiped off with a damp cloth.

But the initial expense is very high. For renovating old walls with these plastic-surfaced planks, which need merely be pasted on, the cost of just the planks, at 43 cents a square foot, is \$151 for a 10 x 12 room. For making new walls over studs,

the special hollow-core plastic-finished planks for this purpose, are 98 cents a square foot, or \$345 for a 10 x 12 room. It would take many years of no-painting to recover this big investment, something the ads for this product neglect to mention.

Another interesting material for interior walls is a rigid vinyl plastic with a brick-like surface already finished in decorator colors. This is especially easy to apply since it comes in small 2 x 3-foot panels, which are pasted to the walls. The panels can be cut with scissors or bent as needed, are washable, and also helps insulate against heat or cold.

These plastic panels are especially promising for finishing basements, and also for renovating kitchens and bathrooms, since they are waterproof and grease-resistant. But they also can be used to renovate any room. But this material isn't cheap either; it costs about 28 cents a square foot, or about \$98 for a 10 x 12 room.

Another modern wall material, especially useful for adding bathrooms or renovating kitchens, is tile partition panels with built-in runs for wiring and plumbing. The panels are set in place dry, nailed into position and then plastered or covered with wall board. Engineering experts report such panels make a strong wall.

Fitting frames to the eyes

Because eyeglass frames are bigger and bolder than ever these days, the estimated 35,000,000 American women who wear glasses often have trouble in selecting the frames that suit them best.

First of all, in selecting frames, you should take as much time as you would in choosing a custom-made hat.

Try on all the various shapes. You will probably find that several are flattering to your particular bone structure. After you have made your choice, be sure to study your appearance, both in a hand mirror and a full-length one.

Remember that your glasses will always be the focal point of your face. Hats can be becoming and beautifully colored, but should not be fussy. Unfortunately, that lovely flattery, veiling, is out for Miss Glasses. Ditto dangling earrings.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

WHEN LIZ TAYLOR'S Mike Todd died some little time ago—not very long ago, either—some of us were cynical enough to feel ashamed of the first thought that occurred to us. That thought was: How long will it be before Liz is making page one with some new love affair?

It wasn't long before she was making page one along the lines indicated.

PITY, rather than cynicism, is the proper emotion, however.

Pity for such personages as Liz Taylor, in the first place, because they live under the white glare of publicity. Many others who now have pretty good reputations might come off a little smeared if there was that much publicity turned on them.

Pity, in the second place, for those who, like Liz Taylor, have to live in the confusion that prevails at Hollywood, and are subjected to the temptations rampant there.

Pity, in the third and final place, for all the teenage girls in Alameda County and elsewhere, and for the damn fool mothers permitting them to do it, who take off practically all their clothes and parade in public every time there's any kind of a cheesecake contest. For these poor gals and their mothers dream that maybe they, too, can achieve the discomfort of living like Liz Taylor.

YEP, PITY'S BETTER than cynicism. But it's hard to keep a little of the latter creeping into the mind at times.

Ask the button to stay put!

When a button pops off a garment, it's aggravating, isn't it? Especially if you are hurrying to get dressed. It is particularly upsetting when it comes off and also tears the fabric underneath the button.

Clothing specialists suggest you sew buttons on to stay and use proper reinforcement when needed.

As the first step you should always make certain the thread is the correct type for the weight of both the button and the fabric. Heavier buttons, such as may be used on coats, call for heavy duty or similar weight thread. If a button is to have considerable strain placed on it, use reinforcement between facing and outer garment or place it on the wrong side of garment. Interfacing, a small square of fabric, tape or an extra small button on inside of garment can be used to reinforce.

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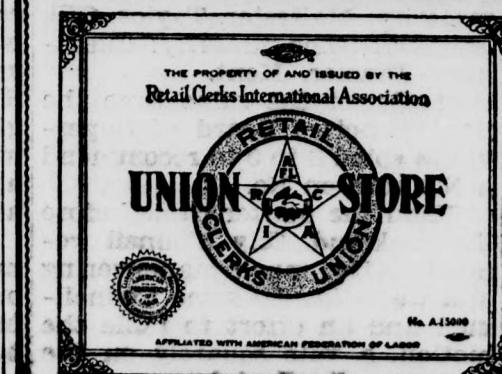
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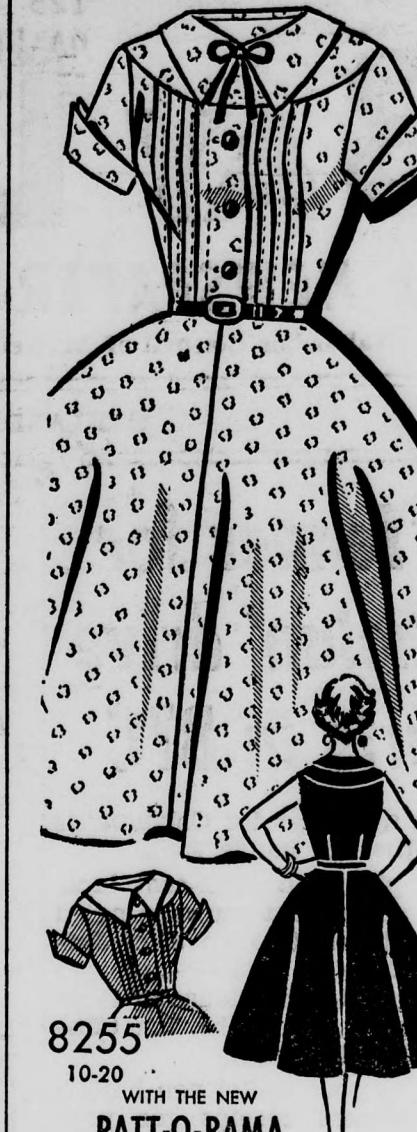
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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

THE BATTLE of the "open campus" for our high school still goes on.

The teachers and administrators argue that the kids have got to grow up some time, and the only way for them to learn to be on their own is to put them on their own, and then to try to guide them towards using their freedom wisely.

Before the automobile this question did not arise. Some youngsters, who lived near the school, often went home to lunch.

Most of them carried their lunches and unashamedly ate them on the school grounds, usually in sociable little groups. There were no school cafeterias or snack bars, nor even, as a rule, lunch counters in the neighborhood where the children could eat. There was no problem.

The automobile has changed all that, as it has changed so many things in our lives. Now kids roam the neighborhood in cars during the noon hour, eating as and where they please.

Many parents are beginning to be uneasy about this, and now, here at the Oakland High, residents in the area of the school are petitioning for a change.

They claim that the kids cause unnecessary traffic congestion, as well as a major litter problem.

Some schools now have the closed campus, but of course, it costs money to put in cafeterias or snack bars—the latter being the newer trend.

It is true that education is already costing the taxpayer a good deal of money, but putting in eating facilities would not cost a great deal more, and would, in the minds of many citizens, be money well spent.

As for inculcating a sense of responsibility and judgment in the use of freedom, there are other, and perhaps better, ways of doing it than letting kids dash about in all directions in cars during the lunch period.

Dishes add up

The average housewife washes more than 25,000 dishes a year. Furthermore, Frigidaire statisticians report, she spends about 10,000 hours of her married life scrubbing them.

Statement required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the acts of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 233) showing the Ownership, Management, and Circulation of

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(My commission expires June 30, 1959.)

Vote, vote wherever you are on Tuesday, Nov. 4!

Application for Absent Voter's Ballot General Election, November 4, 1958

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Culinary Alliance puts up 'NO' sign

A big sign has been placed on the front of the headquarters of Culinary Workers Alliance 31 at 548 - 20th Street, carrying the words, "Waitresses, Waiters, and All Miscellaneous Crafts urge you to vote NO on Proposition 18, the socalled right to work law, last on the ballot, first in importance."

Secretary Fran Kaczmarek says that the members of the union are making a vigorous fight against the union-wrecking proposal, and that the placing of the big sign was greeted with enthusiasm.

Congratulations given to AFLCIO picnickers

The following persons were congratulated for attending the AFLCIO picnic Sunday, October 5, at Roberts Area, Regional Park:

- 1—E. Teague; 2—Lillie Hoogs;
- 3—C. L. Suer; 4—G. Fernandez;
- 5—Jewel Felton; 6—Cy Hansen;
- 7—H. K. Brewer; 8—E. Mackin.

OAKLAND FIREMEN and Police Pensioners Association have formed a committee urging the re-election of James H. Quinn, incumbent member of the State Board of Equalization.

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Harry Duggan of Candy Local dies

Harry Duggan, financial secretary-treasurer of the Candy Workers Local of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers, passed away Saturday at a hospital.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Cooper funeral parlors.

Duggan had held office as financial secretary-treasurer for the past 12 years, and was a long familiar figure at the meetings of the Central Labor Council. He is survived by his wife, Altha. He was a native of St. Louis, but had lived here many years.

Recording Secretary Muriel Collins of the local said that while it had been feared for some time that his illness would prove fatal, his death came as a great shock to the union, conscious of the devotion and energy with which he served it.

The Central Labor Council at its meeting Monday night, on motion of Secretary Robert S. Ash, adjourned out of respect to Duggan's memory.

COPE EXECUTIVE BOARD WED., OCT. 15, 3:30 P.M.

The executive board of COPE will meet at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 15, at the Labor Temple.

The executive board meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. and the general COPE meeting is held the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

LLPE cites Hearst support of Brown

The Hearst press of the state has come out strongly for Attorney General Edmund G. Brown for Governor. The San Francisco Examiner, the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, the Los Angeles Examiner and the Los Angeles Herald Express all have carried major editorials calling for Brown's election. — State Labor League for Political Education.

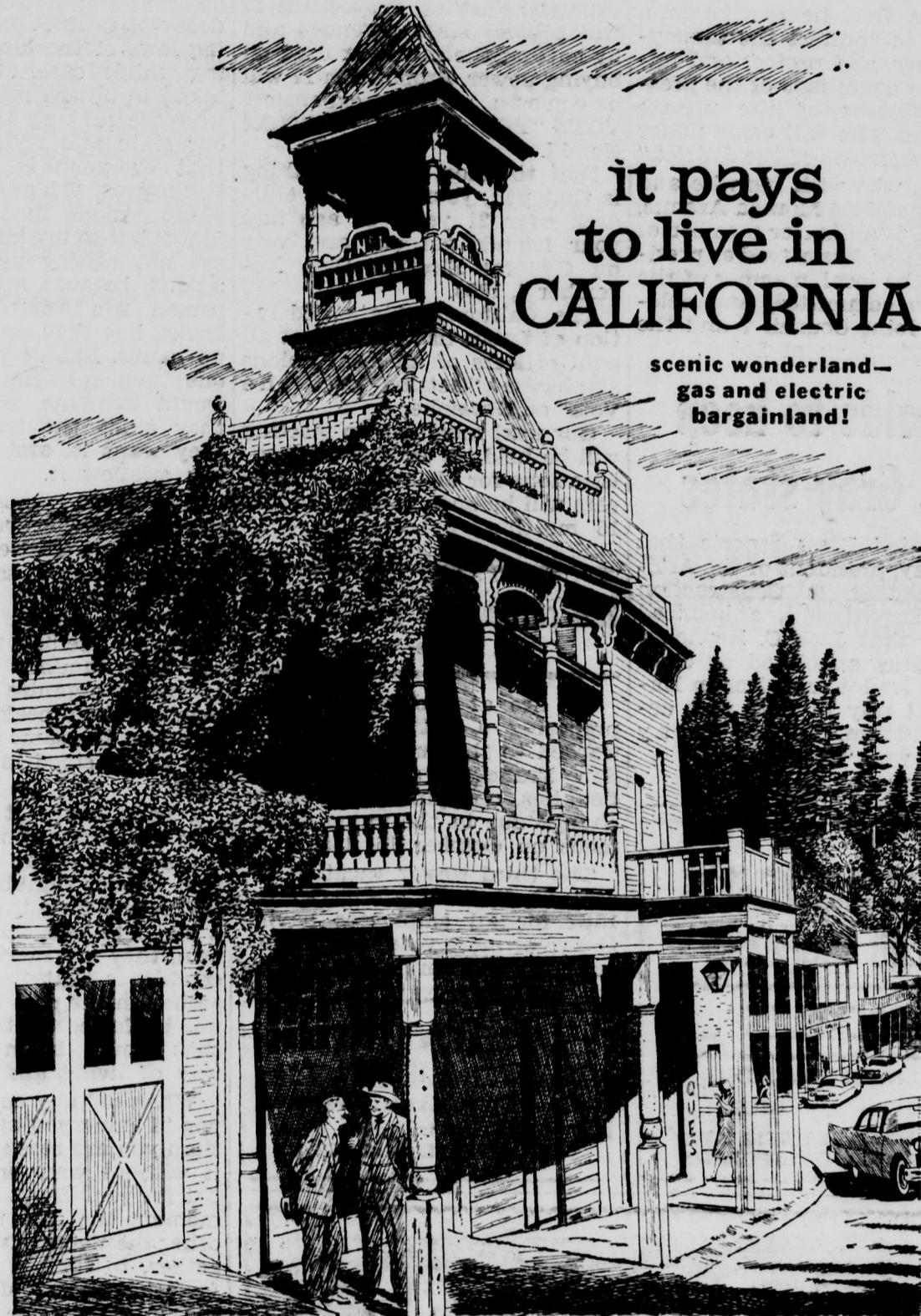
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Church people aid fight on Prop. 18

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felt by those engaged in the struggle to beat No. 18, that from the start and right now it was realized to be a desperate struggle for the survival of unionism. He added that of course differences of opinion showed up in all groups. For example, he said, he belongs to an organization outside the labor movement which was bringing pressure on him and all its members to vote for No. 16, which would remove all tax exemptions from private schools, but that he hadn't heard of that organization taking a stand against No. 18, so just put it down as a subject on which there was disagreement.

Ash had previously told the council delegates that it is necessary to raise a considerable amount of money still to meet the bills for the campaign against No. 18.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.



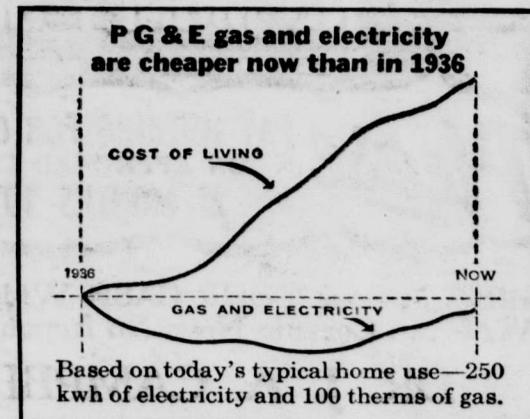
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Labor Council for Transit Measure B on Nov. 4 ballot

The Central Labor Council at its meeting this week endorsed Proposition B on the November ballot, the measure which will get the Alameda-Contra Costa Rapid Transit District on its way.

The initial plan of the district, based on a careful survey made by experts, is to purchase buses from Western Greyhound and from Key System, and introduce an improved service for 13 cities in Alameda County and 5 in Contra Costa, along with the contiguous unincorporated areas.

In the race for some directorships of the Transit District which will also come up in the November election, one labor man has announced his candidacy: E. C. Perrin, a member of News Drivers 96, who is running for director at large.

Perrin told East Bay Labor Journal that he is running in the hope that he can be in a position to "protect the taxpayers' money, and protect and improve the conditions of the present employees of the private companies who will come under the management of the district."

Perrin, who with his wife and son lives at 5834 Moraga Avenue, Oakland, is a charter member of Local 96, and has served as president of the local, member of the executive committee, and delegate to Joint Council 7 and the State Federation of Labor.

Reynolds to keep post, Gray states

Associated Press reports that Dick Gray, president of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department, announced Tuesday that Jack C. Reynolds, whom Gray appointed as chief building trades organizer in Hawaii, will stay in that post despite criticism, which Gray claimed was "exaggerated."

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Buchanan's CLUB HIGHLAND

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Films were shown at our last membership meeting, which explained and exposed the fraud in the Right-to-Work initiative, Proposition 18, on the general election ballot on November 4.

Also appearing on the November 4 ballot is another very important proposition, which is Proposition 17, which gives tax relief to the overburdened 95%, makes the rich 5% pay their fair share, how?

1. It cuts the sales tax from 3% to 2%

2. It gives state income tax relief to individuals below \$9,167 and married couples below \$18,335 taxable income. Those above these amounts will pay on an "ability to pay" basis

3. Increased taxes paid by the wealthy will average only 6% because 68% will be deducted from their federal income taxes.

Proposition 17 will also add \$70,000,000 to \$90,000,000 to the buying power of low and middle income groups the first year and more each year as the economy expands. Further, Proposition 17 will protect state revenues and by cutting the sales tax drag on buying power, Proposition 17 will promote business expansion. VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION No. 17.

Now, the most important thing is that you, your wife and children over 21 years of age and your friends get out and vote on General Election Day, November 4, 1958.

The California State Federation of Labor has urged that all paid officers of all local unions emphasize "Getting out the Vote" on November 4.

Our next membership meeting will be held on October 16. Registrations for all hold-over Officers will be open at this October 16 meeting.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are at the present time, preparing a notice to be forwarded to the employers in the San Francisco and East Bay Counties, notifying them of the change due in the union agreement on October 15, 1958.

The third weeks' vacation becomes effective after October 15th for all employees having twelve or more years of continuous service. Employees having

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less than twelve years service, but with more than two years service, will be granted an extra one-half (1/2) day's vacation with pay for each year of continuous service, until a maximum of five days additional vacation is reached.

Members with less than the above mentioned service, receive one week's vacation for one year of employment and two weeks' vacation after two years of employment. Beginning the third year, the above additional days are added to the vacation time.

In addition to the vacation provisions outlined above, two classifications of employees of the Hawthorne Watch Company, receive a 15¢ per hour increase on October 15, 1958.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, October 16th at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

Paint Makers' 1101

By PETE CEREMELLO

Help yourself keep the things worth keeping. One of the most precious American heritages is doing as you please, providing it does not conflict with the existing laws of the land. In so saying think carefully; don't be taken in by the money grabbers who are making the rounds of our state and trying to tell us that everyone is a thief, but themselves. There are over 60,000 unions in the United States but to my knowledge they are not closing up any of the unions, because some dishonest person ran away with a few bucks, but they are still closing up banks. But do you think for one moment the newspapers would headline that fact. No, they slant the news the way they want it, and try to make you swallow it.

How short peoples memories can be whether you live on a farm or in a castle. No one can be so naive as to say I don't remember the days from 1929 to 1939 when people were put to the test of selling their souls to feed their families. Unions began to really organize in 1934 but reached their peak in 1937. We stand on the same threshold today as we stood in those trying days.

I have heard it said "I will vote for Proposition No. 18 because I'll save my dues." To me that is poor thinking because in saving the dues that gives them a right to call their soul their own, they are sacrificing all the conditions that their union has gained in the past 21 years. Let's not be fooled by those interests that would harm your better way of living and your family.

When did any employer say to you "I think you are worth more than you are receiving" and give it without your union going to bat for you? Don't forget for one moment that the union is none other than yourselves banded together, to further your benefits for a better way of life. You are the union, not the business representative; he just represents you and carries out your mandates. This all goes out the window if Proposition No. 18 carries. Be careful, think when you vote, don't be misled by false propaganda put out by the Knowland money interests in this coming election.

Vote NO on Proposition No. 18, save your self respect, your family, your self and your friends.

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Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

It'll be Ladies Day at the polls, in Alameda County on November 4, 1958. Of the 453,260 registered Voters in Alameda County, 15,344 MORE women are registered to vote than men. Women can't ALL be smarter than us men, but the record shows they are better citizens.

I wish we could get Liberace or Lawrence Welk to oppose the "wreck" measure, we'd be a cinch for the ladies' vote in Alameda County.

Come to think of it, the southern part of California need that kind of influence right now. The big aircraft companies have sent letters to their employees urging them to vote for the Right-to-wreck. We could use some clear thinking lady voters among the not so solid southern California workers, who need the help of unions badly.

It's a sad but true fact, that unorganized workers need unions more than unions need them. An employer will increase wages to keep his workers unorganized, only after the organized workers have won increases by negotiations. If employers can nullify wages and conditions won by effective unions, the free-rider will get dumped also. Only a fanatic anti-labor zealot would cut off his nose to spite his face.

So unless you're one of those no-nosers, vote NO on 18.

Incidentally. Some wise guy said that, Taxation without representation was distasteful to the early Americans, Shucks, they ought to see our taxation now, WITH representation.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

As we are starting a new quarter the one in which the holiday season comes, I hope that the members will take care of the obligation to their union before the end of the quarter. Everyone for whom we have an address was notified relative to not being covered by insurance for any month that is not paid for in case anything happens.

Due to the poor experience rating of last year our insurance premium has been raised from \$1.35 per month to \$1.75 per month or \$5.25 per quarter, making the dues \$28.50 per quarter, please send in the right amount if you want your record kept straight.

Don't forget the meeting of October 23. Bring your wife or friend to the picture show and luncheon. The Entertainment Committee says they will have something good.

I see by the San Francisco papers that their city fathers had what it takes to express their opposition to Proposition 18, not like the gang on this side of the bay who must do what the so-called big boss in the tower tells them to do.

It is a very short time before election and from all indications things will start to get hot from Knowland and his bunch, but I am sure that every union man is intelligent enough not to pay any attention to their ravings.

Work conditions are holding up very good at this time, no thanks to the Republicans.

Brother Horning at home going good, would like to have

some visitors, his address 1145 Ranleigh, Piedmont.

Brother Rutledge still at home doing well still under the doctor's care.

I would like at this time to express my thanks to brother Moore President of the District Council and the Business Agents of the Council for the job they are doing while brother Rutledge is laid up.

Any complaints you have on the job please phone and they will be taken care of.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

I have just returned from Fresno and a two-day meeting of the Advisory Board of Business Agents of the State Council of Carpenters.

The meeting was in a spirit of informative cooperation from one end of the State to the other. The feeling prevailed that we must work on diligently until Election Day and do everything we can to talk to people between now and then in order that they understand our problems and vote intelligently come November 4.

There was no overconfidence, only a feeling we have done our best so far but still have a crucial four weeks to go. It was interesting to note the amount of money coming from out of State for our opposition in large chunks from corporate interests.

I remind every Bay District carpenter who has not done so that vacation money earned in 1957 must be drawn in 1958.

If you are planning on Christmas vacations get your request in early. There are still several thousand accounts to be drawn. There is over \$70,000 in suspense accounts for which no signature card is available and as our office force is limited, it will help if we have time to process these.

Union label is weapon very effective against 'right to work' scheme

WASHINGTON — The trade union movement's union label campaign, with its "right-to-buy or not to buy," can be used as an effective weapon against "right-to-work" laws, according to Joseph Lewis, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO Union Label and Service Trades Dept.

Lewis called for an all-out observance by AFL-CIO organizations, representing "a vast army of consumers with their union-earned wages," as a means of "thwarting the efforts of anti-labor forces in the various states and the nation." — AFL-CIO News.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095 will be held Thursday, November 6, at 8 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The next regular membership meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, unless otherwise notified.

By action of the membership at a Special Meeting held Wednesday, August 13, 1958, the office has been closing every Saturday starting October 4, 1958.

The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dues also may be paid on regular meeting nights.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Beginning with the month of October two membership meetings per month will be held and the non-attendance fee will again be in effect. Please try to attend your membership meetings.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of October 10, 1958 has been designated a special called meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing a delegate or delegates to the California State Building and Construction Trades Council convention to be held in San Francisco December 3rd and 4th, 1958.

The next two meetings are the last before election. It is important that you acquaint yourselves with labor problems.

Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be a special called one, and will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 1958 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

1. We will conduct the regular order of business.

2. First nominations for one to serve on the Finance Committee.

3. First nominations for two to serve on the Executive Board.

It is important that you watch these union meeting notices in your East Bay Labor Journal paper as they should be important to you.

Please make every effort to attend your union meetings.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager and
Financial Sec-Treas.

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon October 11, 1958 at 2 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 1 p.m.

The meeting place will be Eagle's Hall at 2238 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley, all new members should attend for initiation.

As far as we know at the present time there will be pictures shown on the "right to work" law and its affects. Brother Whitcome has assured me that he will pick up projector Saturday morning, so please, brothers, make an effort to attend.

Refreshments will be served by Coffee Jennings.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS. HOBBS,
Secretary-Treasurer

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special Called Meeting Sunday, October 12, 1958, at 10:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting Thursday, October 16, 1958, at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Joint Stewards Council on Saturday, October 18, 1958. Jay Darwin, Attorney, will report on Explosion Cases. All interested parties please attend.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secretary

CEMENT MASON'S 594

The next regular meeting of Cement Masons Local 594 will be held on October 16 at 8:00 p.m. and will be a special meeting.

The special order of business will be election of delegates to the State Building Trades conference to be held in San Francisco beginning December 3, 1958.

Fraternally yours,
M. B. DILLASHAW,
Business Representative

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, October 17 coming up is the date of our next meeting. A special meeting follows the regular one. We will nominate delegates to the State Building Trades convention to be held in San Francisco December 3rd and 4th. Two delegates from Local Union 1178 will be elected at the following meeting.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

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CARPENTERS 36

Our next regular meeting will be held Friday at 8 p.m., October 10, 1958, at Carpenter's Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, California. One week later, Friday at 8 p.m., October 17, 1958 will be our final Social-Political meeting in which we expect to have a short talk by some political candidate to be announced later. We also expect to have some very good Carpenter talent for our entertainment, and your committee request that you bring your family and friends.

Our continued request for volunteers to help in the fight against Proposition 18 has not produced much needed help. All members are urged to procure absentee ballots before October 30 1958, if they expect to be absent during the election period before November 4th.

Stewards Committee will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., October 16, 1958. Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., October 22, 1958.

Fraternally yours
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Office Secretary, Mona Crays, will be on vacation from October 22nd to November 4th. Therefore the office will be open only for the Business Manager's regular hours. Mona requests that you make your October payments by October 10th so she can record them before going on vacation.

Fraternally yours,
PETER CEREMELLO
Business Manager

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters Tuesday, October 14, at 2:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. Steward's meet at the same place the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The local is now making a house to house canvass, distributing literature against Proposition 18 and urges every member to vote NO on 18 an encourage friends and neighbors to do the same.

More volunteers are needed to distribute literature. Secure bumper strips against Proposition 18 at the office. The manager of the Recreation Hall at the Labor Temple asks to have it announced that he has installed a television set and will be open on Wednesday and Friday evenings for regular scheduled fights and other events.

Fraternally yours
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD JOINT MEETING CARPENTERS & PAINTERS

Officers of Hayward Painters 1178 and Carpenters 1622 announce there will be a joint meeting, open to members of both locals and their families at 8 p.m. Saturday, October 18, at Carpenters Hall, 1040 Mattox Road.

A film showing the effect of "right to work" legislation in States where it has been adopted will be shown.

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The local's meeting of Thursday, October 23, 1958 will be a big rally meeting against Proposition No. 18 which is on the November Ballot. All members and their families, friends, and neighbors are invited to this very important meeting, let's fill the hall and show how Local 127 stands on Proposition No. 18. There will be two motion pictures and a very good speaker on

why all working men should vote NO on Proposition No. 18.

The entertainment committee has planned some refreshments for this special rally. I hope to see the hall full of members and friends.

Vote NO on Proposition No. 18.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

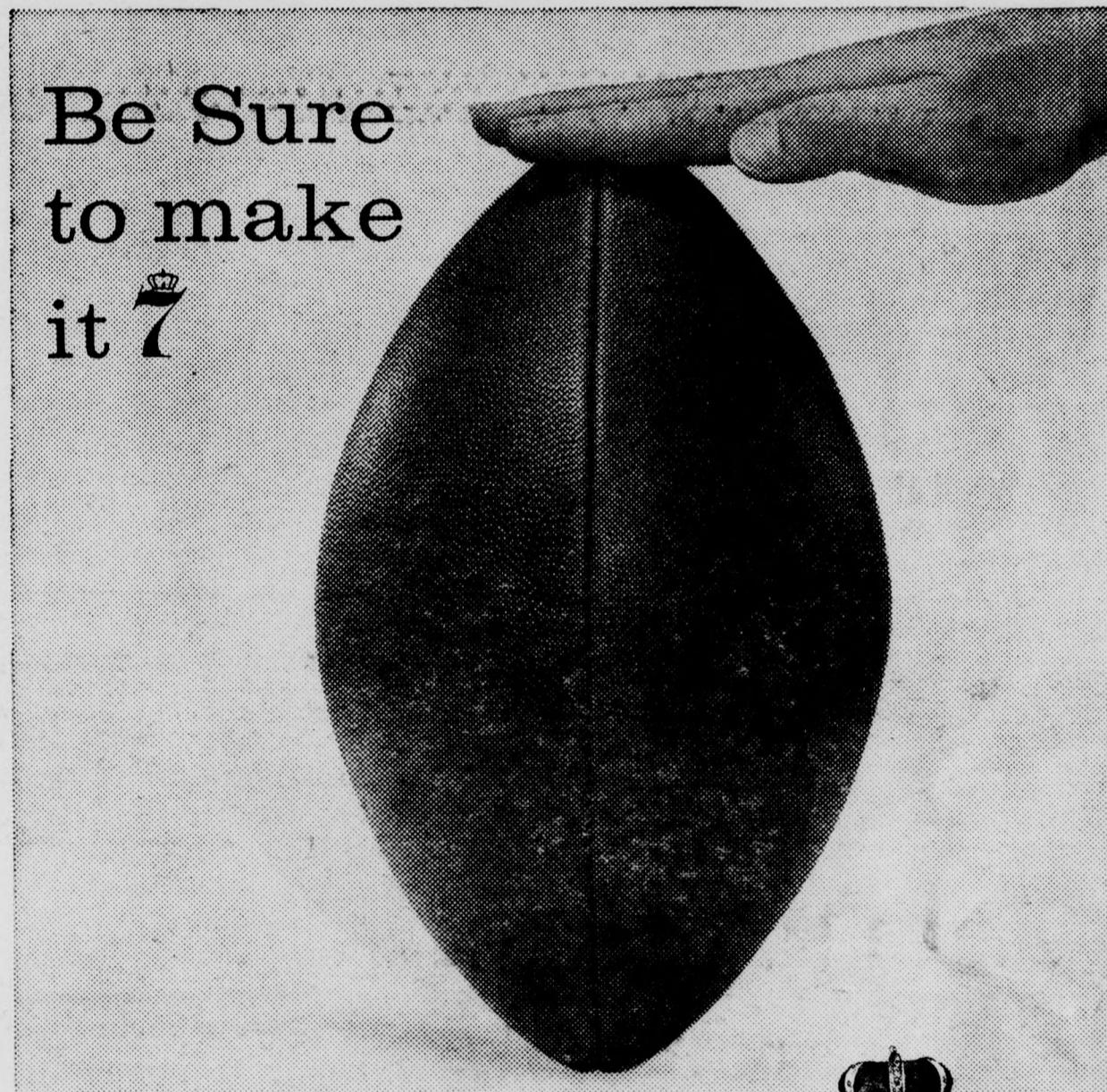
Machinists' check draws loud cheers

There was a tumult of cheers and handclapping at the Central Labor Council this week when John Schiavenna, Machinists 1566, secretary of the California Machinists Nonpartisan League, handed to CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash a check with some very beautiful figures on it.

The money is part of that, Schiavenna explained, authorized at the recent convention of the Machinists League to assist the fight against the so-called "right to work" Proposition 18 throughout the State.

UAW GM strikers here in suggestion to unions

Jack Tobler says the strike at 3 GM plants here, resumed after the national pact was reached, may last some time, and urges any union which can supply jobs to UAW men to do so.



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The proponents of Prop. 18—the so-called "Right to Work" law say:

—“the right to work is as basic to a free America as the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

—“every employee and prospective employee should be guaranteed freedom without intimidation or coercion from any source to join or not join a labor organization.”

—“freedom of association is a fundamental right. No man should be forced to join an organization for the purpose of earning his daily bread.”

—“the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right to work under the First, Fifth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments.”

—“the Constitution of the United States protects the employee and he need not submerge his principles, ideals, liberties and freedoms to avoid economic suicide.”

—“workers in eighteen states with the right to work laws are protected and are permitted to exercise their fundamental rights to associate.”

But we think . . .

—It means “unscrupulous employers would have the right to work you at whatever they wanted to pay as soon as they got you alone.”

—It means “employers could intimidate and coerce the worker not backed by his grievance committee on the matter of wages-like the neighborhood bully they would have to get him alone.”

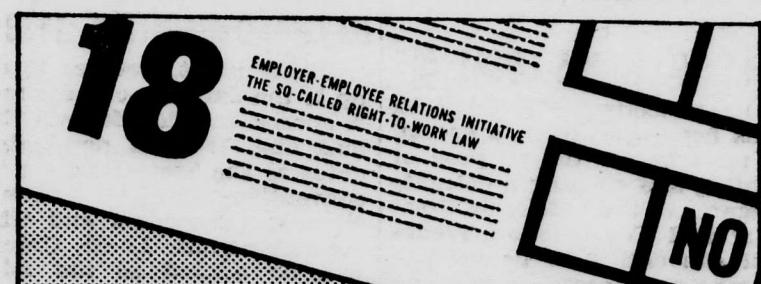
—It means “without the power of men working together in an association they won’t have to pay him enough to buy butter for the bread.”

—It means “men working in sweatshops for 75c a day, in 1900, quoted the constitution and were fired.”

—It means “organized management can whip any individual who attempts to make a wage bargain alone.”

—It means “they’ve got a lot of cheap and willing labor in these states. These workers are underpaid, work long hours and do not have the benefits of association between boss and laborer.”

Last On Your Ballot—First In Importance



The East Bay Labor Committee Against Proposition 18; Chairman Robt. Ash, Co-Chairman Art Hellender, Co-Chairman Lamar Childers, urges you to—

VOTE NO ON PROP. 18

The so-called “Right to Work” law

Picnic succeeds, but that weather didn't do so well

The AFLCIO picnic at Roberts Area, Regional Park, held on Sunday, October 5, was attended by some 5000 persons, who encountered weather cooler and fogger than had prevailed at any time this month. In fact, when the golf tournament connected with the picnic was held the day before the weather was perfect.

Last year when the picnic was held, it rained. So all concerned feel sure that next year the annual picnic is going to enjoy the finest weather in the world.

"For it just couldn't happen that we'd draw bad weather three years in a row," explained one labor prophet.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had planned to attend and speak, was unable to make it. Just back from a trip abroad, she found it impossible to make the connections necessary to reach the Bay Area in time.

Congressman Clair Engle, Democratic labor-endorsed candidate for U. S. Senator, was pinch hitter for Mrs. Roosevelt, and made a special trip from the other end of the State to be there.

Jeffery Cohelan, Democrat, labor-endorsed candidate for Representative of the 7th Congressional District, was present at the big affair, with other candidates.

Financially, the picnic was a success. Money raised from the sale of tickets at one dollar apiece is used for campaigns for Federal office. Under the Taft-Hartley Law no union money can be used in such campaigns; only individual voluntary contributions can be so used, and the individual voluntary purchase of tickets meets this requirement.

In addition to the thousands at the picnic, many others who had bought tickets remained away because of the weather.

RUSSELL C. HORSTMANN, assessor of Alameda County for the last eight years, has been elected president of the State Association of County Assessors of California.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated September 5, 1958, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last assessed at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the City of Oakland.

That unless the property is redeemed before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California and is substantially described as follows:

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No. 3. Deed No. 130598. Piedmont Pines, Lot 2259, Block 7282. Account No. 48D-7282-51. Last assessed to M. F. & Marie Brass, et al. Minimum price \$102.00.

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No. 5. Deed No. 130595. Piedmont Pines, Lot 2257, Block 7282. Account No. 48D-7282-56. Last assessed to M. F. & Marie Brass, et al. Minimum price \$122.00.

For information as to the amount necessary to redeem, apply to Eugene V. Waring, Redemption Officer of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.

EDWIN MEESE, JR.
Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California.

September 26, October 3 and 10, 1958.

Jones: 'Tenner for Cohelan!'

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that there ought to be a boycott drive started against the mouthpiece of the reactionaries now trying to saddle the socalled "right to work" crushing burden on the backs of labor people.

Abel Silva, Hod Carriers, remarked that during the labor holiday of 1946, when practically all industrial and commercial activities ceased for a time, there had been talk of a boycott of the paper, but that union men's wives wanted to know how they'd find out about bargains in the stores, and where to get their hairdos, which made the monopoly sheet hard to eliminate.

TRIBUNE THE WORST

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that on his vacation recently he came to realize how much worse the Tribune is in its assaults on labor unions than are papers in the southern end of the State, usually reckoned a more reactionary area. Even the Los Angeles Times, he said, was not being so virulent as the Tribune. He added that the Tribune got

some vigorously virulent assists from some other papers in the Bay Area.

Childers said that on the whole he felt encouraged about the chances of beating the socalled "right to work" Proposition 18 after his trip through the southern end of the State.

The bumper strips and billboards of the State Fed and various labor organizations are making a good showing down there, said the BTC representative, the Los Examiner is running columns for and against 18 with an even break for each, in the valley there is much worry about the aircraft layoffs and a growing fear among small business men that the adoption of 18 would cut down the already dwindling purchasing power.

PROPOSITION C

Proposition C on the November ballot, providing that Oakland firemen and policemen will have their pay adjusted annually in line with the percentage changes in private industry, was endorsed. The AFLCIO Fire Fighters had requested such action.

Pat Brown dinner date here is set

The Alameda County Edmund G. "Pat" Brown-for-Governor dinner has been set for Tuesday, October 14, at 6:30 P.M., at Leamington Hotel, Oakland, according to Judge Monroe Friedman, Alameda County Campaign Chairman.

Serving as vice-chairmen for the dinner are John P. Purchio, Lyle E. Cook, E. Guy Warren, E. L. Friedrich, Francis Dunn, and Robert S. Ash.

Among the members of the committee are Mrs. Eulalia Anderson, Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Robert Barieau, Carlos Bee, Mrs. Jean Bernal, Alfred Bonner, George K. Brokaw, J. L. Childers, C. L. Dellums, Richard Diament, Manuel Dias, Leonard Dieden, Eugene Elserding, D. G. Gibson, Martin Huff, John J. King, Robert Kroninger, Lewis E. Lercara, Dr. Sam Levine, Irving Loube, George E. McDonald, Gordon W. Nelson, Robert L. Osborne, Osborne A. Pearson, W. Byron Rumford, Charles A. Russell, Sheldon Sackett, John Schiavenna, Joseph E. Smith, Mrs. Clara Shirpser, John L. Stevenson, Harry Whiteside, Lionel Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth Witkin and Mrs. Nancy Witt.

At a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council, Secretary Robert S. Ash commented on the fact that Coakley was willing to associate himself with the fight against Proposition 18.

Ash said that some people are friends of labor, they say, but not willing to speak up when labor is under heavy fire in a campaign, and "certainly Coakley has shown that he is not that sort: he is willing to stand with us now, when the campaign is hot."

Other well known East Bay people on the recently announced executive committee are:

Dr. Laurance L. Cross, Hon. Francis Dunn, Dr. Raymond L. Eng, T. J. Kent, Jr., Senator George Miller, Jr., Martin E. Rothenberg, Hon. Wm. Byron Rumford, Mrs. Sheldon Sackett, Arthur H. Sherry, Joseph E. Smith, William G. Werner, Mrs. Catherine B. Wurster.

LOSE A CAMERA at the labor picnic Sunday? Phone Alice Lewis at TE 6-3125. She picked up one by mistake when leaving.

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Just why did Dick Gray appoint Jack Reynolds?

The Chronicle in its issue of October 2 published a picture of Jack Reynolds alongside a story headed "Bay Ex-Con Gets Hawaii Labor Post." The story led off as follows:

"A convicted Oakland ex-extortionist and self-confessed World War II black marketeer has resumed his career in the labor movement to 'reorganize' the Building and Construction Trades Council in Honolulu."

That headline and that leading paragraph are brutally frank, but the trouble is, they're painfully true.

The man who appointed Reynolds is Richard Gray, president of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department. Dick Gray by making that appointment struck an inexcusable blow at California organized labor during one of the closing weeks of the desperate struggle to prevent Bill Knowland and his allied union-busters from putting over the socalled "right to work" initiative on the November ballot.

Dick Gray has no grounds for the excuse that he didn't know what sort of record Reynolds has. During the years that Reynolds as business representative of the Building Trades Council here did so much damage to labor's reputation, Dick Gray by virtue of his office was in constant touch with Reynolds. He had to be: BTC business representatives all over the country and Dick Gray naturally and incessantly exchange telephone conversations, telegrams, and letters. They know each other.

Dick Gray did this thing with full knowledge of the sort of man Reynolds has proved himself to be. It is doubtless too late to get the action rescinded immediately, owing to the ponderous machinery of any big organization. But assuredly President Meany and the majority of the AFL-CIO Executive Council will wish to add to their November agenda an investigation into the motives and circumstances of this blow at organized labor struck by Dick Gray at a crucial time in our history.

At any time this appointment would have been bad; at this time it is almost incredible and certainly it is inexcusable and unforgivable.

Breuner despises his job

Public ownership of utilities may be good or it may be bad, but one thing is sure: the head of a publicly owned utility ought himself to believe in public ownership or else get out and leave the job to someone who sincerely believes in it.

Just for ducks, let's ask this question: How many heads of privately owned utilities go around making speeches saying it would be better if their utility were given over to public ownership? That question answers itself: the private utility would get that guy canned so soon he'd be dizzy for a year.

But that isn't the way we, the people, run the publicly owned East Bay Municipal Utilities District. Louis Breuner, one of the five directors, and president, who is seeking reelection on the November ballot, made a speech before the Rotary Club in Monterey some time ago in which he sang the praises of privately owned utilities and criticized public ownership of utilities. One of Breuner's points is that a private corporation can handle its labor force more freely.

Running against him in Ward 3 of the district is Anga Bjornson, well known to labor people as a sincere advocate of public ownership and decent treatment for workers. Dan Luten is running against the incumbent in Ward 2. At a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council they told how eager Breuner and his crowd on the board of directors are to declare lands of the district surplus. Such lands are sold to private outfits who soon make a lot of money out of reselling them. Private enterprise with a vengeance. And it's our land that could make fine recreation facilities for us common folks!

Surely those of our readers who live in either Ward 2 or 3 will vote, not for the incumbents, but for Anga Bjornson and Dan Luten.

Knowland's lie about Local 29

Senator "Integrity" Knowland got to integratizing on all 8 cylinders of his bulldozer when he told a Ventura audience that "this tyrannical trio" made up of Hoffa, Reuther, and Bridges (what an aggregation!) had compelled Office Employees 29 to assess its members "\$3 to \$3.50 a month—close to a dollar a week—for six months for election purposes."

Facts: Local 29 changed its bylaws to raise dues 50 cents a month and to put the 50-cent increase for just four months into the fight against Mr. Knowland's pet Proposition 18.

As for this "Hoffa, Reuther, and Bridges" record that Senator "Integrity" plays, it's Kamp's kind of stuff.

He's 'Dangerous'



DENVER POST: 'KAMP ON KNOWLAND'S DOORSTEP'

The highly influential Denver Post published September 18 the following editorial, headed "Kamp on Knowland's Doorstep":

An extreme racist's name-calling pamphlet, distributed recently by "right-to-work" advocates in Colorado, has now popped up in California, where a "right-to-work" proposal is also on the ballot.

The pamphlet is a diatribe against Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers. The author is Joseph Kamp, twice indicted and once jailed for contempt of Congress.

The person responsible for its distribution is Mrs. Helen Knowland, who is (we assume) working for her senator-husband's election to the governorship of California.

Kamp has a long history of indiscriminate reckless attacks. Among the targets of his literary buckshot have been President Eisenhower ("Red New Dealers" had taken him over), Chief Justice Warren and the YMCA. The late Senator Taft, "Mr. Republican" himself, once said he was "particularly disgusted" with Kamp's work.

In the booklet, Kamp calls Reuther among other names, a "vile purveyor," a "cunning conspirator," a "slick, sordid, conniving politician," and a "double-talking, rabble-rousing opportunist who glibly repeats the fallacious fulminations of his Red-tinted ghost-writers." Whew!

Mrs. Knowland endorsed the Kamp booklet as "a powerful message which could actually swing the pendulum in California." She halted distribution only when her husband noted that the booklets had been printed by non-union labor. There is irony in such solicitude.

When the Colorado "right-to-work" committee distributed the booklet in July, we commented that the committee would only compromise its integrity by so

Post Office unions

Let me, at this time, say what I think we all know and appreciate—that we owe a great debt to the solidly-organized postal employees.

Certainly if the proportion of postal employees who have recognized the need for union organization were as low as for classified employees, there isn't a classified employee who wouldn't be receiving several hundred dollars less in pay and benefits.

We acknowledge our debt to them with gratitude and admiration.—President J. A. Campbell, American Federation of Government Employees.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

TWO UNION MEMBERS have written in protesting against remarks made in East Bay Labor Journal about the socalled Independent Political Action Unity Conference which is being boosted by the People's World.

ROLLAND O. SCOTT, signing himself as a member of Printing Specialties 382, writes:

I become increasingly depressed by East Bay Labor Journal from week to week due to the never-ending sneers and slanders aimed at the Peoples World which you people seem to find so indispensable.

Actually to be a reader of Peoples World one need neither be a Communist nor a Socialist but simply interested in progress and decency.

If you people are really convinced that the needs of a labor paper are to be anti-Socialist and anti-Knowland (there are, after all, plenty of Knowlands) and at the same time be a staunch defender of an economic system which dooms the workers to exploitation, insecurity, and moral degradation, that is of course your privilege; but that's the most disheartening part of it.

The reason the working class in this country is so complacent and so politically unconscious is due to many reasons, but the people who write and edit East Bay Labor Journals in the U. S. can claim no small part of the credit. Posing as a labor paper and at the same time betraying any and every hope that working class has would be quite pitiful if it wasn't so tragic.

As a worker I resent this deceit, and I only hope that more workers will see you and your colleagues as I do in the very near future.

Yours truly,
ROLLAND O. SCOTT

ROBERT ROSE, signing himself as a member of Carpenters 36, in a letter a little too long to publish in this issue, writes in part:

You see fit to ridicule a group which is trying to stimulate some interest in independent political thought. Because you, as a "hardboiled editor", know that this is a "phony front of the Peoples World crowd."

Personally, I don't think there is enough interest politically for such a movement to get off the ground but as one of the common herd I assure you I don't believe in pooh-poohing the honest efforts of people who strive to find some partial answers to the great problems around us—world tensions and poverty . . .

I wonder, too, if there were more Holland Roberts and Labor Schools around, whether 28 out of 30 working men in a sample ballot would vote YES instead of NO on Proposition 18.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT ROSE

BROTHER ROSE in that last sentence is referring to the experiment with startling results made by Harry Lumsden of Shipyard Laborers 886 which he recently reported to the Central Labor Council.

It is true, as Brother Scott says, that one doesn't have to be a Commie in order to read the Peoples World; the editor of East Bay Labor Journal reads it regularly, and with some pleasure in the skilled editing and writing in it. Moreover, we have always defended the right of the paper to publication.

But really, it is to laugh at the idea of "independent political thought" being backed by the Peoples World! The ancient rule, "Consider the source" applies here.